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SUBJECT: SUGGESTIONS FOR VICE PRESIDENT'S LUNCHEON

- SPEECH

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1. IN DRAFTING THE VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS FOR THE
STATE LUNCHEON ON MAY 20, I WANT TO CALL THE
DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION TO THE POSSIBLE INCLUSION OF TWO
SUBJECTS: (1) THE CORAL SEA BATTLE COMMEMORATION IN
AUSTRALIA, AND (2) THE INCREASE IN USG AND GNZ CON-
TRIBUTIONS TO THE NZ-US EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION (NZUSEF).

2. REGARDING THE CORAL SEA BATTLE COMMEMORATION,
THIS IS AN EVENT OF CONSIDERABLE SIGNIFICANCE IN NEW
ZEALAND AND AUSTRALIA. THE CORAL SEA BATTLE WAS THE
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HIGH WATER MARK OF THE JAPANESE ADVANCE IN WWII AND
AMERICAN FORCES ARE CREDITED WITH SAVING THE TWO
COUNTRIES FROM INVASION. FOR MANY YEARS, IT THUS HAS
BEEN AN OCCASION FOR VARIOUS MANIFESTATIONS OF
AUSTRALASIAN-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP. THIS YEAR, PRESIDENT
CARTER HAS DEPUTIZED HIS SON, CHIP, AND DAUGHTER-IN-LAW
TO REPRESENT HIM IN THE CELEBRATION OF AUSTRALIA-

AMERICA WEEK IN AUSTRALIA, MAY 6-1) ELR. AND MRS. CARTER WILL PARTICIPATE IN SEVERAL CORAL SEA COMMEMORATION SERVICES DURING THEIR STAY IN AUSTRALIA. BECAUSE THESE VARIOUS CORAL SEA COMMEMORATIONS COINCIDE WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT, I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR HIM TO NOTE IN HIS STATE LUNCHEON SPEECH THE IMPORTANCE PRESIDENT CARTER HAS ATTACHED TO THIS HISTORIC EVENT WHICH SO LONG HAS BEEN REGARDED AS SYMBOLIC OF THE PARTNERSHIP OF THE THREE NATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE INCREASED U.S. CONTRIBUTION TO THE NZ-USEF, I SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING: THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES ARE BUILT ON THE EXCELLENT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN OUR PEOPLES. FROM OUR SIDE, I CAN SAY WE PLACE GREAT IMPORTANCE ON CULTURAL EXCHANGES BETWEEN NEW ZEALAND AND THE UNITED STATES, BOTH THOSE SPONSORED PRIVATELY AND THOSE IN WHICH YOUR GOVERNMENT OR OURS PLAYS A PART. I ESPECIALLY WOULD LIKE TO CALL ATTENTION TODAY TO THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM, OPERATED IN THIS COUNTRY BY THE NEW ZEALAND-UNITED STATES EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION. OVER THE NEARLY 30 YEARS (NOTE: ORIGINAL AGREEMENT SIGNED IN WELLINGTON SEPTEMBER 14, 1948) THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN IN OPERATION HERE, MORE THAN 650 NEW ZEALANDERS AND MORE THAN 500 AMERICANS HAVE GONE TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE U.S. AND MORE THAN 500 AMERICANS HAVE COME HERE UNDER THE FULBRIGHT PROGRAM. AS YOU MAY KNOW, THIS PROGRAM IS FUNDED EQUALLY BY OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS, AND AS A FURTHER PROOF OF OUR DEDICATION TO THIS EXCHANGE PROGRAM, I AM MOST PLEASED TO NOTE THAT OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS ARE INCREASING THE FUNDING OF THIS PROGRAM BY ONE-THIRD, RAISING EACH OF OUR CONTRIBUTIONS FROM (NEW ZEALAND) DOLS 75,000 TO (NEW ZEALAND) DOLS 100,000. WE ARE DEDICATED TO THE FULBRIGHT IDEA AND PLACE A HIGH PRIORITY ON IT WORLDWIDE. WE ARE PROUD OF THE NEW ZEALAND PROGRAM AND PROUD TO BE SO FULLY ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR GOVERNMENT IN IT. SELDEN

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